

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 847

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Wallace Clifford Austin
of Harriman.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Wallace Clifford Austin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Austin was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, after moving to Roane County in the 1940s, Wallace Austin served with acumen and alacrity for more than thirty years at Burlington Industries, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Austin served with distinction as the Manager of both Harriman City Pool and Emory Golf and Country Club Pool, where he spent many years giving a multitude of Roane Countians their first swimming lessons; and

WHEREAS, a capable and patient leader, Wallace Austin also rendered sterling service as the co-owner of the Minute Store at Caney Creek in Midtown; and

WHEREAS, following his much deserved retirement, Mr. Austin became a deeply loved and much appreciated part-time employee at Kroger; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Austin was an eagle scout and dedicated civic leader who distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order through his work with numerous boards and organizations, including serving as a scout master, little league baseball coach, and member of the of Harriman City School Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Austin was an active and devout member of the South Harriman Baptist Church, where he faithfully served his Lord as an usher for over twenty years; and

WHEREAS, Wallace Austin was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Austin was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Eugene Austin, and his sister, Billie-June "Peep" Austin; and

WHEREAS, he is survived by his beloved wife of thirty-five years, Betty Austin; his sons, Richard, Terry, and Alan Austin; his daughters-in-law, Rebecca and Dedra Austin; his stepdaughters and their husbands, Rita and Bob Byrd and Donna and Jerry Cox; and his sister, Helen Jewel; and

WHEREAS, he will also be sorely missed by his seventeen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and a host of friends, family, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Wallace Clifford Austin leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Wallace Clifford Austin, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Austin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.